

Welcome to  
*Immaculate Conception Parish*

*A Catholic Community Inviting People to Follow Christ*

*March 19, 2023 - Fourth Sunday Of Lent (Laetare Sunday)*

*The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*



*"Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light."  
- Ephesians 5:14*

*Love God • Serve Others • Make Disciples*

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### Parish Office Hours:

Monday-Friday: 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.  
Saturday: 9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.  
Sunday: Closed

### Parish Website:

💻: [www.icchicago.org](http://www.icchicago.org)

### School Website:

💻: [www.iccowboys.net](http://www.iccowboys.net)

## Social Media



### Facebook:

View our Masses, connect with fellow parishioners, and access exclusive articles and content. Simply search "**Immaculate Conception Parish Chicago (Talcott)**" and request to join our online community.

### Twitch:

Membership-free platform where all are welcome to view our Masses and access content.

Visit us at [www.twitch.tv/icchicago](http://www.twitch.tv/icchicago)



## Mass and Sacrament Schedule

### Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday Vigil @ 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday Mass @ 8:30 A.M.  
Sunday Mass @ 10:30 A.M.\*  
(\*Our 10:30 A.M. Mass is also livestreamed)

*Capacity limits have been lifted and reservations are no longer required. Masks are optional.*

*All are welcome!*

### Weekday Mass Schedule:

#### In-Person

Monday through Thursday @ 8:30 A.M.  
(Rosary Prayers & Chaplet of Mercy prayed after Weekday Masses)

**(Please note: Friday daily Masses & First Friday Mass & Adoration temporarily suspended as of July 8<sup>th</sup>)**

#### Online

Wednesdays @ 8:30 A.M. (School Mass)  
(Worship with us virtually on our Facebook Page or Twitch)

### Confessions:

Sunday mornings  
from 9:30 A.M.-10:15 A.M.  
(offered every Sunday during Lent)

(Special dates & times offered during Advent & Lent)

### Baptisms:

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of  
each month @ Noon  
(except during Lent)

## Donate

### Church & Special Collections:

Interested in supporting our parish, specific ministries and projects?

Please consider giving online at Give Central:  
[www.givecentral.org/location/349](http://www.givecentral.org/location/349)

Offertory envelopes can also be mailed in or dropped off at our Parish Office.

### School:

Interested in supporting Catholic Education for both present and future generations?

Please donate to our **Endowment Fund** (via Give Central) or support efforts by our **Holy Name Men's Club** and **Parents Club** posted on our Social Media or featured in our bulletin.



Celebrate The Feast Day Of St. Joseph @ IC: Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup> & Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup>!

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# St. Joseph Feast Day Weekend Celebration

Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup>  
1:00 P.M. Mass

Luncheon @ 2:00 P.M.  
Rectory Assembly  
(Limited Space Available  
Please RSVP)

Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup>  
St. Joseph Sweet Table  
After All Weekend Masses

(Baked Goods For Sale  
Rectory Assembly &  
Church Vestibule)

All Proceeds Benefit  
Catholic Charities

March 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>

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Our special St. Joseph Feast Day Weekend Celebration begins with our 1:00 P.M. Votive Mass this Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup> followed by a luncheon in our Rectory Assembly. (RSVPs required.)

Our weekend celebration continues in our Church Vestibule and Rectory Assembly following our 5:00 P.M., 8:30 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.

Masses with our St. Joseph Sweet Table featuring baked goods for sale. (Many thanks to our donors as well as our volunteer bakers for kindly sharing their time and talents in support of our St. Joseph Bake Sale!)

All donations from our St. Joseph Votive Mass @ 1:00 P.M. as well as our Bake Sale will go directly to Catholic Charities' efforts to support refugees and asylum seekers in the Chicagoland Area, especially those being housed and educated by Catholic parishes. (Cash and checks will be gratefully accepted.)

Thank you for joining us this weekend as we celebrate this special Feast Day in honor of **St. Joseph**, patron of fathers, workers, refugees and exiles, together as a parish family!

Feast Of The Annunciation: Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 A.M.

"Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.  
Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son,  
and you shall name him Jesus."

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# Annunciation of the Lord

10:00 A.M.  
Mass

"Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.  
May it be done to me according to your word."  
-Luke 1:30-31, 38

Saturday,  
March 25<sup>th</sup>



**SHARE YOUR VOICE  
SUPPORT OUR PARISH**

Our Archdiocese is currently conducting a parish-to-parish survey entitled the "Disciple Maker Index", which is both an evaluation of our parish as well as a self-evaluation of your priorities in faith. If you have not already done so, we encourage you to share your voice by completing this 10-15 minute online anonymous survey which will be available **until March 31st**. (Please visit [icchicago.org](http://icchicago.org) to access the survey.)

All responses will be confidential, and our parish will only receive information about the community as a whole. Your feedback and input is genuinely appreciated and will help shape various ministries as we plan for the future and strive to be the best parish we can be!



*Lenten Confessions*

Sundays

- March 19th
- March 26th
- April 2nd\*

\*Final Opportunity Prior to Easter

9:30 A.M. until 10:15 A.M.



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*Rekindle Your Relationship With Our Lord This Lenten Season...*

We invite you to begin your day @ IC with...



*Morning Prayer*

Tuesdays @ 8:10 A.M.  
During Lent

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*Lenten Vespers Series*

Thursdays @ 7:00 P.M.



March 23rd  
March 30th

*Stations Of the Cross*

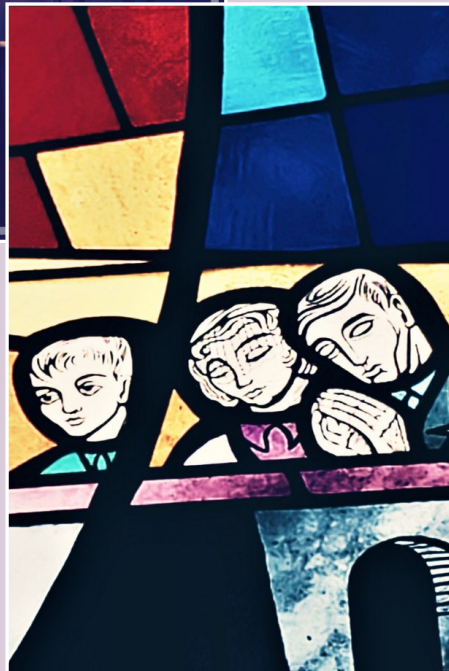


Fridays During Lent @ 7:00 P.M.

**LENT**

*40 Days of Renewal*

*"Seek the Lord and His strength;  
seek His presence continually!"*  
- 1 Chronicles 16:11



*IC Prayer Ministry*

We believe in the power of prayer and would like to offer this special ministry for anyone in our community who wishes to be prayed for or to have someone to pray with.

Our prayer team will be available at the back room of our Church after all our Weekend Masses on the following dates:

- March 18th & 19th
- March 25th & 26th
- April 1st & 2nd

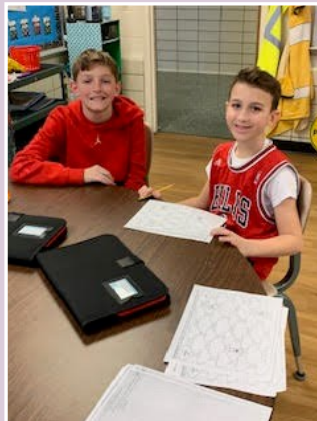
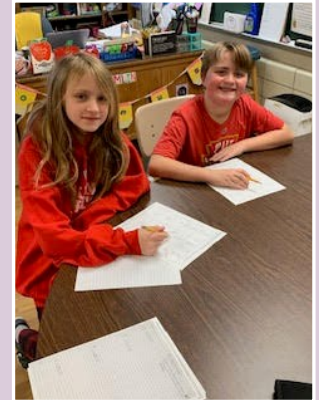
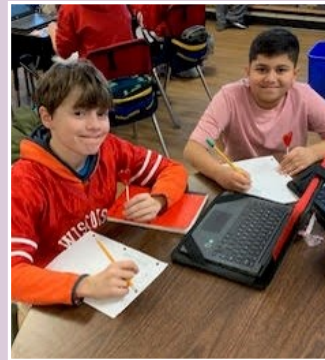
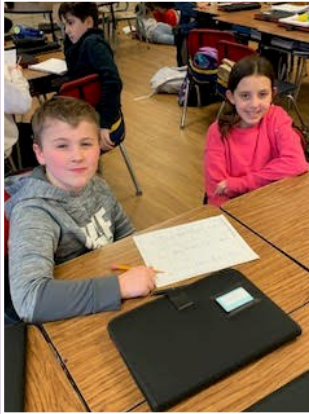
We look forward to sharing a meaningful time of prayer this Lent and supporting each other at IC.

IC Evangelization Team



*Mrs. Chamlin's Math Class*

Our 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students are solving problems with their groups during Math class. They are able to apply a wide range of skills such as critical thinking, communication, effective teamwork, prior knowledge and many more. All of these skills promote active learning and engagement in our classroom.





*Please join our parish family in prayer ...*

Tom Altman  
Paul Amandes  
Amelia Aquino  
Arnold B.  
Robert Behrman  
Sonia M. B.  
Roberta Berger  
Vince Caeti  
Mary Cali  
Jackie Campbell  
Donna Chaplin  
Truman Collins  
James Covello  
Ronnie Cunningham  
Paige Dicks  
Margarita DiSalvo  
Emily Divarco  
Eric Dulce  
Lilia Dulce  
Ozzie D'Souza  
Valerie Dziekonski  
John Eckhardt  
Richard Flanagan  
Brooke Foreman  
Patricia Furgat  
Lila Gehner

*For those who are sick;*

Bonnie Jean Gorski  
Marie Hagarty  
Gloria Hernandez  
Ofelia Hernandez  
Mike Hickey  
Judy Hull  
Mary Ann Schmitt Hurtig  
Kevin Jaburek  
Wayne Kinzie, Sr.  
Donna Kirk  
Craig Kloss  
Lillian Kohut  
Katherine Kreuser  
Anthony LaPash  
Dawn LaVeau  
Nathan Maisel  
Benny Martinez  
Edwin Martinez  
Frank Martinez  
Nikki Mendoza  
Pat Miaso  
Gerry Michalek, Jr.  
Ledoina Monacelli  
Deacon Rick Moritz  
Veronica Murillo  
Timothy Murray


Brendan Nelson  
Anne O'Brien  
John O'Brien  
Jackie O'Koniewski  
David Olson  
Ashton Peterson  
Leo Pfest  
Mary Potwora  
Bill Remblake  
Joe Rispoli  
Pia Rizza  
David Rodriguez  
Gerri Schultz  
Edward Stanczyk  
Jack Stewart  
Jill Swagler  
Alma T.  
Donna Tisdale  
Beckie Tomala  
Steven P. Trifilio  
Mary Ellen Vanderman  
Louis Ward  
Miss Westhoff  
Rita Zambon

*\*Newly Added**For our faithful departed:*

Kurt J. Anstett  
Andrew G. Lanza  
Thomas Rudolph Ballog  
Anita M. Kepley



"Eternal rest grant unto them,  
Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon  
them."



**Lenten Disciplines of Fasting & Abstinence**

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

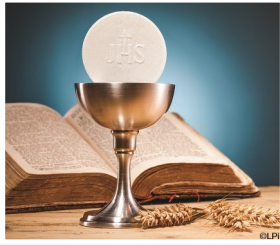
Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.

*For those who serve our country:*

**U.S. Army** - SSgt. John Francis Mikita, Sgt. Kevin Whalen, SSgt Martine Makita, Chris Dash, Pvt. Jason G. Cavanaugh, Major Christopher Walsh, Capt. Benjamin Monson, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Katherine D. Hartnett, SPC Michael J. Stone, Pvt. Charlie Cruz Pappas  
**U.S. Navy** - CMDR Michael Brasseur, LCDR Christopher Jenkins, PO Thomas T. Tudisco  
**U.S. Air Force** - John Christopher Ocasio, Major Laurel Walsh, Major Paul H. Kolk, LT. COL. Michael O'Koniewski; Captain Colleen Bernal  
**U.S. Marines** - PFC Sebastian L. Rivera, Jr., PFC Christopher Hughes, PFC Algene D. Porticos, LCpl Daniel Wiczorek, PFC Luis A. Corea

Please contact our Parish Office when these service people return home safely. If you are a veteran or know a veteran, the Archdiocese of Chicago has a website located at [vets.archchicago.org](http://vets.archchicago.org) that provides information that can be of assistance.





*Mass Intentions:  
Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup>  
through  
Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>*

**Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup> – Fourth Sunday Of Lent (Laetare Sunday)**

5:00 P.M. (Saturday) – †Stanislaw Swiderski; †James Henry Turner; †Jerome Latin; †Richard Favoriti; and †Sylvia Gabor

8:30 A.M. – †Richard Finn

10:30 A.M. – †Ronald J. Wojcik; †Alex & Edelia Covello; †Manuel Mendoza; †Bernice Wojcik (on her 9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary); †Benedict Schronski; †Yolanda Semeraro; †Joseph Guidi; †Jaime Macolor San Juan; †William Barker; †Francis & Moira Cross; †Nat Paxson; †Poor Souls In Purgatory; Gerry Michalek (Living); and The People of the Parish

**Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup> – Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

8:30 A.M. – †Avelina Tandoc (Death Anniversary)

**Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> – Lenten Weekday**

8:30 A.M. – †John Pastwa; †Leona Haube; †E.M. Philip (11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary); †John Jankowski (Birthday Remembrance); and Mary Ann Schmitt Hurtig (Living) (In Thanksgiving)

**Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> – Lenten Weekday**

8:30 A.M. – †Tony Vukosavljevic; †Ross J. Anthos, Sr. (Birthday Remembrance); †Toribio Manlavi San Juan; and †Francisca Macolor San Juan (Birthday Remembrance)

**Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> – Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop**

8:30 A.M. – †Paul, Gloria & Steven Budziak; and †Richard Favoriti

**Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup> – Lenten Weekday**

**Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> – The Annunciation of the Lord**

10:00 A.M. – The People of the Parish

5:00 P.M. – †Stanislaw Swiderski

**Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup> – Fifth Sunday of Lent**

8:30 A.M. – Robin Merle (Living)

10:30 A.M. – †Frank & Margherita Martino; †Agostino & Francesca Chiaramonte; †Lois Ann Flynn (on her 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary); †Fr. Eric C. Meyer, C.P. (Birthday Remembrance); †James Young; †Wayne F. Schnell; †Francis & Moira Cross; The Byrne Family; Jim & Nora Heesemann (on their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary) (Living); and The People of the Parish



*Lord, Hear Our Prayer*

March 19<sup>th</sup> through March 25<sup>th</sup>

Our Sanctuary Lamp is burning this week for the prayer intention of

**Brooke Foreman**  
(Daughter of Jennifer (Zyks) & Jeremy Foreman)

Requested By: Ray & Jan Ehrlich

March 19<sup>th</sup> through March 24<sup>th</sup>

Our Blessed Mother Votive is burning this week for the prayer intention of

**Arlene Lacey Beyna**

March 19<sup>th</sup> through March 24<sup>th</sup>

Our St. Joseph Votive is burning this week for the prayer intentions of

**Deacon Rick & Carol Moritz**

**Pope Tweet of the Week...**

*"In this Season of #Lent, let us learn to allow the Holy Spirit to form us so that our #prayer might become a living testimony of God's tenderness for every person experiencing difficulty."*





*Lenten Food Drive: March 10<sup>th</sup> through March 31<sup>st</sup>*

*Parents Club Fundraiser: Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>*



During this Lenten Season, we are once again accepting donations of non-perishable food items on behalf of the **Self-Help Closet & Pantry of Des Plaines**. These items must not be expired, so please be certain to check expiration dates prior to dropping off your donations! All food items must be in their original, factory-sealed containers.

To participate, please look for the **Big Red Bins** with the **Self-Help Closet & Pantry's** logo on them (as pictured below) which will be located in our Church Vestibule, Parish Office, Rectory Assembly, School Front Lobby and Parish Center Lobby.



**Begins: Friday, March 10th**

**Ends: Friday, March 31st**

## Immaculate Conception School

# SCOOPIE NIGHT!



**March 21st, 2023**  
**5pm – 8pm**  
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 School and 10% to 20%  
 of **ALL** sales will go  
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*Next Weekend @ IC: Second Collection For Easter Flowers*

*Bethlehem Arts*



Next weekend, we will have a special second collection to help defray the cost of our flowers for our Easter decorations this year. Donations will be gratefully accepted by our ushers as they pass the collection baskets during Offertory time.

Thank you for your kind generosity and for assisting us in beautifying our Church for our Easter celebration this year!



On March 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>, IC will host representatives of the Catholic Christian Community from Jerusalem and Bethlehem in the Holy Land who will be displaying handcrafted olive wood religious figurines and articles. Due to the political conflict and COVID 19 results in the reduction of tourism, the Catholic Community has come to depend more on the sale of these articles abroad to survive. The woodcarvings are beautiful and reflect faith and love for our Lord.

Please consider purchasing a gift that will be remembered and cherished for yourself or someone dear to you. The handcrafted olive wood religious figurines and articles will be available for purchase after all our Weekend Masses.



### *Gospel Meditation - Encourage a Deeper Understanding of Scripture*



God asks a rhetorical and slightly sarcastic question to Samuel, the prophet: "How long will you grieve for Saul, whom I have rejected as king of Israel?" Like us, Samuel is depressed that the old king failed. It's painful to admit that the old regime is done. But God won't let us wallow in our pity-party forever. "I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem," announces the Lord, "for I have chosen my king from among his sons." Samuel finally goes and anoints the young David as the new king. And his kingdom is glorious; it's the golden age of Israel's earthly history.

How discouraging to see that my own selfish ego is no longer in charge! How long will I grieve that money, power, pleasure, and reputation have been rejected as the ruler of my life? How wonderful that God has a new future in store for you and me.

He is sending us to Bethlehem to anoint the new David as our king. His kingdom won't fail us. He'll slay our goliaths, unite our dispersed energies, and build a Temple where God himself will dwell.

So how long will you grieve? How long?

– Father John Muir ©LPi

### *Serve Our Homebound Parishioners As A Minister Of Care*

My Dear Sisters and Brothers,

We would like to expand our *Minister of Care* family here at IC. To help us do this, we are seeking individuals who might be interested in joining this important ministry that we offer to our homebound parishioners who are unable to attend Mass.

After completing the initial two-day training program of five hours on each of two Saturdays (**April 15<sup>th</sup>** and **April 22<sup>nd</sup>**), your time commitment would be approximately one hour each week. You would visit a parishioner in their home, pray with them, and share with them the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist.

If this is a ministry you may want to explore, please contact Deacon Ron Gronek for more details. I can be reached daily, after 6:00 P.M. at 773.330.2498 or via e-mail at: [imjdeacon@aol.com](mailto:imjdeacon@aol.com)



Respectfully yours in Christ,  
Deacon Ronald J. Gronek



*Gregory & Lisa Miller  
and their children Paul & Francis*

*Robert & Joanne Leck*

*Patricia Leck*

*Deacon Michael McCloskey*

*Welcome to all visitors and guests!  
Interested in joining  
our IC Parish family?  
Register @ [icchicago.org](http://icchicago.org)*

### *Ministry Schedules: Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> & Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>*

	Saturday 5:00 P.M. Mass	Sunday 8:30 A.M. Mass	Sunday 10:30 A.M.
Presiders	Fr. Matthew Heinrich	Fr. Robert Fedek	Fr. Matthew Heinrich
Lectors	L. Christy	J. Semmler	N. Kanoon & M. Carroll
Cantors	E. Doyle	Vocal Quintet & Violin	Vocal Quintet
Extraordinary Ministers	E. Kinzie	M. Dosek	C. Kech & R. Siciliano
Altar Servers	S. Gillespie; D. Gillespie; M. Gallagher	G. Reichle; B. Yak; I. Magruder	E. Carroll; J. Galeno; K. Giannola



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**What's Happening @ IC...****Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup> –**

9:30-11:00 A.M. – School Lenten Reconciliation Service (Grades 6-8); CH

10:15 A.M.-Noon – Monday Morning Bible Study: “The Gospel of John”; RA

7:00-8:30 P.M. – Winter Alpha Monday Evening Session; RA

7:00-8:30 P.M. – Overtone Rehearsal; CH

**Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> –**

8:10 A.M. – Morning Prayer; CH

9:30-11:00 A.M. – School Lenten Reconciliation Service (Grades 2-5); CH

7:00-8:30 P.M. – IC Pro-Life Committee Mtg.; RA

**Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> –**

8:30 A.M. – School Mass; CH

2:00-3:30 P.M. – Choristers Rehearsal; CH

4:00-5:00 P.M. – Religious Education Program Stations Of The Cross; CH

7:30-9:00 P.M. – IC Athletic Committee Mtg.; NWCR

**Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> –**

6:30-8:30 P.M. – Parish Finance Council Mtg.; RA

7:00 P.M. – Lenten Vespers Service; CH

**Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup> –**

7:00 P.M. – Stations of the Cross; CH

8:15 P.M. – Men's Basketball; PC

**Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> – Annunciation of The Lord**

8:30-10:00 A.M. – Winter Alpha Saturday Morning Session; RA

10:00-11:00 A.M. – Feast of the Annunciation Mass; CH

Bethlehem Arts @ 5:00 P.M. Mass; CH (Vestibule)

5:00-10:00 P.M. – Cub Scout Camp-In Event; PC

**Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup> – Fifth Sunday of Lent**

Bethlehem Arts @ 8:30 A.M. &amp; 10:30 A.M. Masses; CH (Vestibule)

9:30-10:15 A.M. – Lenten Confessions; CH

11:30 A.M.-1:00 P.M. – Evangelization Team Mtg.; RA

**Your Gifts to God and Parish...**

If you plan to move from our parish, please notify our Parish Office at least three months prior to your change of address. Also, if you will be away from home for more than 3 months, please contact us so that your envelopes can be stopped during that time period.

If you have transitioned to electronic giving and still receive offertory envelopes, please contact our Parish Office so that we can discontinue your receiving of envelopes.

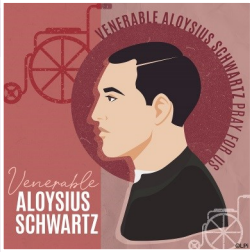
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**Early Bulletin Deadlines:***April 2<sup>nd</sup>* Bulletin submissions due:Wednesday, **March 22<sup>nd</sup>***April 9<sup>th</sup>* Bulletin submissions due:Wednesday, **March 29<sup>th</sup>***April 16<sup>th</sup>* Bulletin submissions due:Wednesday, **April 5<sup>th</sup>**

Bulletin submissions are accepted via email at:

**[parishbulletin@icchicago.org](mailto:parishbulletin@icchicago.org)**





### Saint of The Week - Examples of Our Faith: Venerable Aloysius Schwartz

Born Aloysius Philip Schwartz on September 18, 1930, during the great depression, in Washington D.C., "Father Al" decided at an early age that he wanted to be a missionary priest among the poor. After his ordination as a diocesan priest in Washington D.C. in 1957, he petitioned to be sent to South Korea during the Korean War and was formally accepted by the Diocese of Pusan, South Korea. He spent the rest of his life embracing a life of poverty and changing the course of Korean history for those most in need.

Once in South Korea, Father Al was immediately faced with the stark reality of extreme poverty among children there orphaned because of the war. He witnessed people surviving by picking through garbage dumps for what little they could eat, sell, or repurpose and he immediately decided to begin a charity program to provide some relief in his new community. After returning to the USA for a few years due to illness and spending that time raising funds and support for his mission in Korea, he returned to pastor St. Joseph Parish while also establishing the Sisters of Mary Religious Congregation and, years later, the Brothers of Christ to aid in his work. Of this work, Fr. Al said,

*"To serve the poor in the name of Christ is not a game. It is not play-acting, nor is it child's play. It means constant pain, discomfort, humiliation, suffering, and sacrifice. In a word, it means the Cross."*

Together with the Sisters and Brothers of his orders, he went on to establish Boys-towns and Girls-towns to serve the orphans and street children of South Korea. He also built hospitals and hostiles for many different demographics of Koreans in need. During his vocation, he chose to live in poverty among those he served, often going without electricity, or running water.

In 1985 he expanded his charities and founded the Sisters of Mary, Manila in the Philippines and in 1989 they also expanded to Mexico. He was named a Monsignor in 1990, won the Ramon Magsaysay Award — often referred to as the Nobel Prize of the Pacific — and was also nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize for his foundation of orphanages around the world. Soon after, his health deteriorated due to ALS and he died in 1992 in Manila, hearing confessions, preaching, and going to daily Mass right up until the end even though the disease confined him to a wheelchair.

His legacy of humor and joy is carried on by those still in the Sisters of Mary and the Brothers of Christ as they continue to serve populations in Korea, the Philippines, Central and South America. To this date more than 170,000 children have graduated from their schools and have been elevated out of abject poverty through jobs, self-employment, and vocations. Pope Francis named Father Al Venerable on January 22, 2015. ©LPi

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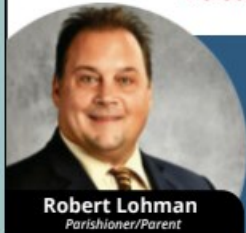
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